THE CITY OF YPSILANTI NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022

FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY MANAGER

Happy December, everyone!

I hope everyone is in good health and enjoyed Thanksgiving with their loved ones; tradition is so important. Though most of us may be making incredible memories, I want to ask all of you to give back. Donations at the warming Center and sharing gifts with Toys-for-Tots, Secret Santa Society of Ypsi. All of these efforts are to support our community and help us remain strong. We want everyone to have a safe and delightful holiday.

As the weather is getting colder daily and we know snow is on its way, I want to remind everyone the warming center at the Freighthouse is open. Located at 100 Market Place in Depot Town and will provide meals and transportation to an overnight shelter. We're very excited for this warming shelter to be available and provide any additional resources in the area. We're delighted for this warming shelter to be open and provide other resources in the community.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the General election, and I'd like to welcome all of our new Council members. Our new Mayor, Nicole Brown's representatives from Ward 1: Roland Tooson & Michelle King, and from Ward 3: Desirae Simmons.

Also, we completed our Annual Comprehenvise Finical Review and received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 21/22 Fiscal Year. I wanted to bring to this everyone's attention what an honor being granted this award and to work with such a proficient staff.

City Hall will be closed on Friday, December 23rd through January 3nd, and regular hours will resume on Tuesday(1/3) at 8 AM. We appreciate your understanding, and I'm tremendously grateful to all our staff at City Hall.

Washtenaw County is still at high risk for contracting COVID-19, which

remains a concern, and we can support one another by getting vaccinated and boosted. If we are following state and county guidelines, it is our best effort to reduce the spread of the virus. Please contact the local health department regarding vaccination and testing opportunities in the community. If you're feeling ill, wear a mask or stay home. Many clinics are still offering the vaccine and flu shots. We must work together as a community to keep one another safe.

Staying Connected,
Frances McMullan

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR NICOLE BROWN

Happy December, everyone!

This is your new Mayor, Nicole Brown, checking in. I want to take a moment to share how excited I am about new beginnings and working with our new council. This time of year is when we typically have an opportunity to reflect on how grateful we are for our family, friends, and community. I must admit that I'm a holiday person and enjoy the holiday spirit -- all the carols, presents, decorating, and food that comes with it. I'm also here for all the community events that bring joy and cheer to our City.

I hope you could attend the tree lighting in Depot Town – a great time was had by all! If you missed that, another tree lighting is coming up outside the public library. On Friday, December 2nd at 5:30 PM. Hope to see you there!

There's also so much excitement

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buzzing around our Bicentennial – celebrating 200 years of this community! There will be lots of events upcoming. Please stay on the lookout!

As I reflect during this holiday season, I am thankful for the numerous blessings we received this past year. We have been blessed with a committed City staff and an engaged citizenry. Please know that your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions are always welcome! We must also acknowledge the continued tasks ahead. We must maintain a unified commitment to bettering our community. That involves a steadfast focus on affordable housing and public safety. We need to continue pursuing economic investment in Ypsilanti and improving City infrastructure and amenities. We must stay focused on maintaining and improving the quality-of-life facets of the City.I look forward to sharing our progress on these ambitious endeavors throughout 2023.

Until then, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Nicole Brown
Mayor

CITY UPDATES

SNOW ORDINANCE AND ABATEMENT PROCEDURES

TO ALL CITY OF YPSILANTI PROPERTY OWNERS

The city's snow ordinance and abatement procedures go into effect on December 15th, 2022. Please be advised of the following:

1. Snow must be removed from sidewalks and parking lots within 24 hours of first accumulation of one inch (1") or more.

2. Ice must, if practicable, immediately be removed from sidewalks and parking lots. When immediate removal is impracticable, sand, salt or other chemical or materials must immediately be used and then ice must be removed as soon as practicable.
3. Only one (1) warning for abatement will be left at any parcel per snow season. Further violations will result in abatement without additional notices left at the property. The property owner/agent is responsible for abatement costs.

4. A citation will be issued for every violation, even the first. Fines increase each offense. 5. A five-foot (5') path must be maintained on sidewalks at all times to be in compliance. (Properties with public sidewalks less than 5' in width must be cleared to the edges of the paved areas). Ypsilanti City Code Chapter 94, Section 94-135(a) defines the "snow season" as October 1st through May 31st. Failure to comply with the abatement notice will result in the city's contractor being hired to correct the violation, with all costs for services invoiced to the property owner/ agent.

Further information may be obtained through the Code Enforcement Division at (734) 482-9626, or at cityofypsilanti.com/codeenforcement.

DAYTIME WARMING CENTER UPDATES

The Ypsilanti Freighthouse is now a daytime warming center. They opened their doors on November 7th and remain open until March 31st. Their active hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 AM- 5 PM. The hour change from last season is set for planning hot meal locations for those in need, meals provided at Delonis Center & Hope Clinic.

We want to send special thanks to REI for their donation of camping mats & sleeping bags for individuals experiencing homelessness. Let's also recognize Caroline Sanders and Crystal Lyte for providing a Thanksgiving meal to those visiting the Freighthouse on Thursday, November 24th. We have been hearing rave reviews about the food all week!

They are looking for donations of:

- **Food & Coffee**
- **Gloves, Hats & Mittens**
- **Indoor safe propane heaters (Little Buddy brand**

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preferred if possible)
- **Propane canisters**
- **Hot Hands (small hand size preferred)**
- **Mylar emergency blankets**
- **Fire starters**
- **Art Supplies**

EVENTS AT THE DAYTIME SHELTER

-Every Monday, at 10 AM, *Circling Back, a peer support group for people with lived experiences of homelessness*,
Also, on Mondays at 2 PM, hosted by Home of New Vision, meditation and breathing exercises with members from Home of New Vision.

-Tuesday mornings PATH/PORT office hours at Freighthouse: (Delonis case managers will be at the Freighthouse multiple times a week, and the PATH team case managers will be there once a week.)

-Immediately before Lunch, Weekly Community Meetings (weekly community meetings where the community makes decisions and works to hold one another accountable to the contract we all sign. All are welcome Volunteers, local businesses, etc.)

-Wednesdays,10 AM AA meeting Fed-Up Ministries will provide a hot lunch from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM.

-Third Thursday of each month - local massage therapist will donate 2-3 Hours of 15-20 min. Massage therapy.

-Activities include a euchre tournament (December 7th and 12th) and weekly art classes. In the works are haircuts, overdose/narcan training, Cold and Flu vaccine clinics, foot care with the Wolverine medic team and more!

For more information, please contact Sheri playfullspirit@gmail.com or by phone at (734) 754-0648.

OVERNIGHT WARMING CENTER

In September 2022, former Councilmember Brian Jones-Chance began exploring the possibility of an overnight warming shelter at St Luke's Episcopal Church located at 120 N Huron St. St Luke's is among the oldest churches in the City of Ypsilanti tracing its roots back to the 1830s and was a natural fit for supporting this initiative because of their strong legacy of social justice in the community. In keeping with that spirit and tradition, St Luke's has offered to make their lower-level great hall and restrooms available for an overnight warming shelter to host up to 20 individuals Monday-Thursday from 7 PM-8 AM.

If approved by City Council, this will be the first winterlong overnight warming shelter in the modern history of Ypsilanti. The daytime and overnight warming shelters in Ypsilanti will be integrated with Delonis in Ann Arbor to provide a robust level of support including meals, transportation, and case management. This will ensure that 24 hours a day, four days a week, there is a place for those experiencing homelessness in Ypsilanti. It is another step in the remarkable transformation of the community and mental health services taking shape in the City over just the last two years but there remains a tremendous amount of work to be done to cover the 3 day gap in local services Friday-Sunday.

We will continue to explore local options to cover this 3-day gap and identify a long-term solution better designed and intended to provide a full range of services including shower and laundry facilities. In summary, the daytime warming center at the Freighthouse will be open 8 AM-7 PM and the overnight shelter will be open 7 PM-8 AM Monday to Thursday.

Staff from the Police Department, Fire Department, and Planning Department have met numerous times over the last several months to work through and think about every

detail of successfully operating an overnight warming shelter at this location, from building security to fire safety protocols and contingency planning. We collectively feel confident this service can be provided safely at the location with the support of the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County. SAWC has been hard at work over the last several months to staff up the operational capacity to provide these services. We expect the Overnight Warming Shelter can be operational at St Luke's by Monday, December 12th.

SOLAR REBATE PROGRAM

Residents can get at least a $2,000 rebate for installing solar panels on their homes or business. There is $80,000 available for rebates for anyone interested, that's enough to accommodate 40 different homes. The project has been named the Grace Sweeny Solar Rebate program and is named for the late Ypsilanti resident and wife of longtime city leader Pete Murdock.

To the businesses in Downtown and West Cross Street, the DDA has made available $150,000 in solar rebates.

BICENTENNIAL UPDATE! NEW YEARS EVE BALL DROP!

Join us Downtown for the New Years' Eve celebration. The plan is to kick off 200 years of our community with a ball drop ceremony on Black Lives Matter Blvd (S. Washington Street). The festivities begin at 7 PM.

Join us at one of your favorite local bars and restaurants to bring in the new year with live shows across Downtown Ypsi, culminating in a glowing ball drop finale at midnight. An early ball drop for the kids will also take place at 7 PM to help us test out the equipment since this will be our first time attempting something like this!

City of Ypsilanti
Pride. Diversity. Heritage.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Arts Commission
Three Commissioners
Two Youth Members

Dangerous Bldgs
Dangerous Buildings Officer

Ethics Board
One Board Member

Historic District Commission
Two Commissioners

Human Relations Commission
Five Commissioners
Two Youth Members

Parks & Recreation Commission
Three Commissioners
One Youth Member

Planning Commission
One Commissioner

Police Advisory Commission
Two Commissioners
Two Youth Members

Sustainability Commission
One Commissioner
Two Youth Members

Zoning Board of Appeals
One Commissioner

Fill out this online form if you are interested in the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions.

POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Ypsilanti Police Advisory commission still has open positions, For those who are interested, they meet on the fourth Thursday of every month.

- Monthly presentation from YPD with an overview of stats, department staffing and activities, use of force incidents, and citizencomplaints if any.
- Presentation and discussion of the use of body cameras. You can find YPD policies and procedures involving body cameras here.
- YPAC chair submitted the first annual report to the city council

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Historic District Commission
The Ypsilanti Historic District Commission has a vacancy. Please apply if you are interested in local historic preservation and would like to serve! Applicants must be city residents. You can learn more about doing on a commission here.
Apply here

Please get in touch with the City Clerk's office with questions regarding the application process, or get in touch with the Preservation Planner with questions regarding the commission.

ARTS COMMISSION CORNER

The City of Ypsilanti is seeking individuals passionate about the arts in Ypsilanti to join the Arts Commission.

The Arts Commission meets once a month to promote art in the City of Ypsilanti, educate the public why the arts, culture and creative industries are important to the City of Ypsilanti, to cultivate a community culture and environment that embraces and nurtures artistic and creative assets, and to promote and further diversity, equity and inclusion of all of Ypsilanti in the arts.

220 N. PARK

On December 9th, the city will be celebrating the groundbreaking of the 220 N. Park site now known as Dorsey Estates. This project will include 46 new single-family, duplexes, and townhomes. This is the first new single-family development in the city since the 1970s and follows the first execution of our community benefits ordinance. By nearly all accounts, the Community Benefits Ordinance and committee it is responsible for creating has widely been considered successful in its negotiations with Renovare. One of the most tangible results has been the deeper affordability of so many units in the development accessible to existing Ypsilanti residents and measures to ensure all of the homes were occupied by homeowners and not real estate investors. The project leverages investments from Washtenaw County and the Ann Arbor Community Foundation to help create that affordability, in addition to several other more conventional economic development tools like Tax Increment Financing and Brownfield. Dorsey Estates is named in honor of Mattie Dorsey pictured below. Mattie Dorsey was the first black woman elected to City Council and an icon in the fight against urban renewal in Ypsilanti. The project is slated to take 24 months and the first homes are slated to be sold in the summer of 2023. For additional information please contact Joe Meyers at jmeyers@cityofypsilanti.com.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES UPDATES

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Ypsilanti Road Renovation project continues within our local community. With the help of YCUA, and MDOT, we're halfway complete, and the work will halt on December 15th for winter weather. We realize this has affected traffic flow and commutes to all of our community, and we ask for your continued patience.

To recap, this project's purpose is to replace water mains that are some of Ypsilanti's oldest, most fragile pipes. Overlapping with this essential construction, MDOT is installing an equally important safe pedestrian pathway between Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township. Regarding the I-94 Pathway, we are on schedule, with hopes all ramps will be accessible by the New Year. Additional crosswalk ramps, bike lanes, crosswalks, bus stop markings, and additional on-street parking are all in the works.

The construction will resume in early Spring, starting the water main project's next phase (Michigan Avenue). Phase 3, as indicated on the map, is the final stage of the renovation and will be just as tricky but will conclude by the end of 2023. MDOT will start road surface improvements on Huron, Washtenaw, and Hamilton, then follow onto Michigan Avenue after the water main construction is finished. We're all looking forward to those orange cones leaving and having a more sustainable roadway.

This project has been a long time in the making, and though it introduces new routes to our daily commute, the opportunity to have these projects overlap.

HOLIDAY TREE COLLECTION

The City of Ypsilanti will begin collecting Holiday Trees curbside starting on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Please place the tree at the curb as shown below, and we will ensure that the tree is picked up per the following schedule. We ask that residents remove any lights or decorations from the holiday tree when they place it at the curb. Trees with decorations or lights on them, when placed at the curb, will not be collected.

Our collection schedule will be different this year in order to make more efficient use of our staff's time. Please note the following collection schedule for the month of January.

Friday, January 20 is the last day for tree pickup.

Thank you, and we hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Department of Public Services at 734-483-1421 or via e-mail at wcline@cityofypsilanti.com.

Week of January 2
Normal Collection Day:
Monday, Tuesday
Scheduled Collection Day:
Tuesday, January 3
Normal Collection Day:
Wednesday, Thurdsay, Friday
Scheduled Collection Day:
Friday, January 6

Week of January 9
Holiday Trees will be collected for all days of the week on Friday of this week, January 13

Week of January 16
Holiday Trees will be collected for all days of the week on Friday, January 20

NEWS FROM THE DDA

DDA BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The DDA Staff and Board meet monthly to discuss various things that make Ypsilanti uniquely Ypsilanti. You can attend meetings every third Thursday at 8:30am (location TBD) or you can catch the minutes and packets online HERE.

Approved:

- Nomination of DDA officers: Chair- Patton Doyle (Decode Ypsi) Vice Chair- Andy French (Aubrees) Treasurer- Kayia Hinton (Hinton Real Estate)
- $25,000 towards supporting overnight warming center using funds from the DDA police officer reimbursement fund
- Holiday lights approved for Depot Town Tree
- Battery powered lights approved for all lamp posts without GFCI outlets
- Replacement garland,bows, and lights approved for lamp posts with GFCI outlets
- Event sponsorship for the Depot Town tree lighting event
- Depot Town Parking negotiation team selected: Andy French, Joe Ritchie, and Dieter Otto

HOLIDAY SHOPPING GUIDE

Ypsi Real has created a holiday shopping guide for those who want to support small local businesses this holiday season. Click the link below for a quick-glance shopping guide in Ypsi to get started.

Ypsilanti Holiday Shopping Guide 2022 | Ypsilanti, MI (ypsireal.com)
Included are many, but not all, of the wonderful shopping ideas Ypsilanti offers. Remember to pick up something for yourself- you deserve it!

2ND ANNUAL DDA STOREFRONT COMPETITION

The second annual Holiday Storefront Competition is underway starting December 2nd at 5pm alongside First Fridays Ypsilanti!

Find all the details at ypsilantidda.org/holiday/

DDA Staff is excited to bring back a fun, and creative holiday tradition to the Downtown, Depot Town, and West Cross districts.
All participating storefronts displayed great care and artistry, and helped make Ypsilanti a festive destination for the holidays.

This year we have TWO new categories!

All categories are up to each voters interpretation. Traditional may not necessarily imply Christmas themed, most "ypsi" can mean weird and wacky to some and to others it is literal. Most engaging might mean interactive, or might evoke the most feeling.

BEST OVERALL DISPLAY
BEST LIGHTING DISPLAY
BEST TRADITIONAL DISPLAY
MOST "YPSI" DISPLAY
MOST INCLUSIVE DISPLAY
MOST ENGAGING DISPLAY

Best overall display will win $1000 worth of $20 gift cards purchased by the DDA, raffled to people who participated in voting.

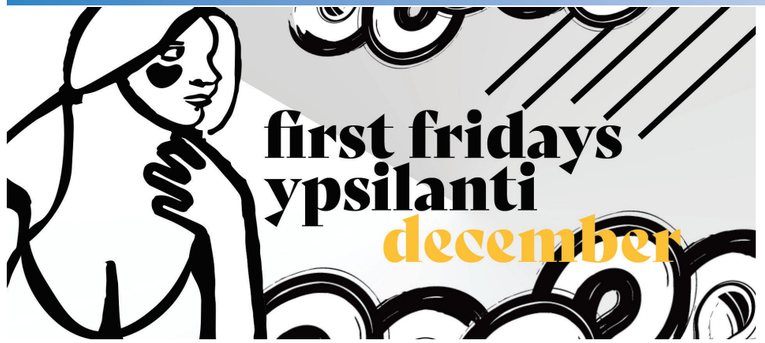
The public will also vote on the following categories and each category winner will win $500 worth of gift cards distributed the same way to those who participated in the voting process.

Each storefront can only win one category.

YPSI THROWBACK WITH PRESERVATION PLANNER ELLEN THACKERY

In May of 1966 the photo shows the Octagon House that now serves as the SOS Resource Center at 114 N River Street when it was on the move from 915 Washtenaw Ave. Here, it's rolling along W Michigan Ave. Nat (Nathalie) Elliot Edmunds and her husband Dr. William P. Edmunds are credited with having played essential roles in preserving and moving the house. Photograph provided by the Ypsilanti Historical Society

FIRST FRIDAYS YPSILANTI



First Fridays Ypsilanti is on Dec 2!

First Fridays Ypsilanti is a self-guided art and culture walk event that happens on the First Friday of each month.

Created for artists, by artists.

All FFY venues provide free events: art openings. live music. art workshops. performance arts. discounted prices and more!

22 North
22 N. Huron St; 5-8p
Homsick: Robin Vincent book signing
Photographer Robin Vincent will sign her new book of photography, Homesick, with prints on view. One night only!

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
201 N. River St; 6-8p
December Emmanuel
Visit historic Gothic style Emmanuel Lutheran Church! Christmas music and free snacks and drinks. View the lighted Good Shepherd window and learn the history of this Ypsilanti landmark.

Evenstars Chalice
36 N. Huron St; 1-8p
Pop-Up Shop: A Meaningful Dream
Come shop with Rainbow Liz of Hazel Park's A Meaningful Dream. She makes vibrant metaphysical wares such as herbal sticks, Luna waters, ointments, salves, and candles. Exciting and vibrant!

Hinton Real Estate
36 N. Washington St; 6-8p
Pop Up Art Exhibition with Asia Janai
A native of Detroit, her distinctive personal style exudes peace and expresses the vibrant spirit of her ancestors, hip-hop, imaginary mentors like Basquiat and Toni Morrison, and the powerful black women who came before her.

Pearl Street Studios
108 Pearl St; 5:45-8p
Excerpts....
Jack Kenny is a commercial photographer and has been shooting photographic nudes for more than 50 years. Nudes with Pears, The Yellow Dress, a series, featuring a 1962 yellow Homecoming dress, Mexicali, based on the works of Frida.

Riverside Arts Center
76 N. Huron St; 5:30-8p
Create Together: A Public Art Project
Take part in creating a piece of community art that is collaborative and reflective of our amazing community!

Riverside Arts Center
76 N. Huron St; 8-11:30p
Riverside Swings
Come swing dance at Riverside! All ages and skill levels welcome. Come alone, with a partner, or in a group, swing is for everyone! Free Beginner lessons from 8-9p
Open Dance open dance 9-11:30p **($5)**

Stone & Spoon
110 W. Michigan Ave; 5-8p
Festive Fun: Hot Cocoa & Ornaments
We are celebrating with our samples of our favorite Go! Ice Cream Hot Cocoa! Stop in for samples that will warm up your soul. Not to mention, we will be giving away the most beautiful ornaments to the first number of visitors!

The Gallery at Stone & Spoon (upstairs)
110 W. Michigan Ave; 5-8p
"Chef's Kiss: A Celebration of Food in Art" Opening Reception
It makes so much sense that food has become a subject for art since some of the earliest paintings including the hunting scenes in the Caves of Lascaux. Enjoy some of today's recordings by our local artists. Featuring work from seven artists.

This That & the ODDer Things
50 E. Cross St; 5-9p
Merry XXX-Mas
MFA and BFA Grad Katie Hammond created a playful collection based on 70's softcore, painted on a solid coat of glitter. Nakedness at your fingertips, ooooh lala… but don't touch!!! Will there be a painting of a naked Jesus? Come down to find out.

Tipsy Ypsi Paint & Pour
5 S. Washington St; 6-9p
First Friday DIY Painting & Karaoke
Ypsi's greatest DIY paint party. Come in and Karaoke for free! Painting prices range from $10 – $20, so there is something for everyone! We run our own Karaoke while we paint! Walk-ins Welcome, but pre-registration is advised, as we do sell out!

Triple Goddess Tasting Room - Unity Vibration
93 Ecorse Rd; 7-10p
Karaoke w/Trish Kane
Karoak w/Trish Kane is always a great time! Bring your karaoke friends and neighbors! Join the show or enjoy the show with a glass of UV Kombucha Beer or Tea!

Unicorn Feed & Supply
144 W. Michigan Ave; 5-8p
Festive Fun & Magic
Reggie the Unicorn is checking your list twice! Stop in to get in the holiday spirit with festive giveaways, bolt balm sparkles, and candy club samples! Not to mention... coloring sheets for our free coloring contest will be available for pick-up!

Wyrd Byrd
9 S. Washington St; 8-10p
*F***ed up Movie Friday*
For our first one, we will be streaming Alexandro Jodorowsky's The Holy Mountain on our wall. Come hang with other local wyrdos.
Disclaimer: This movie is DEFINITELY NOT FOR KIDS.

Ypsilanti District Library - Michigan Ave.
229 W. Michigan Ave; 1-9p
Holiday Tree Lighting
Enjoy singing along with the Ypsilanti Community High School Choir, sipping hot chocolate, decorating cookies, and making simple snow flakes. Santa will join us for a photo op in his sleigh!

We are taking our annual off season between January and April. Businesses will still individually hold events on First Fridays - please support them!

We will be back on April 7th to celebrate our **TENTH YEAR!** Please reach out if you are interested in volunteering or supporting First Fridays in 2023!

First Fridays is run by a group of passionate artists and Ypsi-loving volunteers. Thank you for sticking with us as we all climb out of this pandemic to support our artists and Ypsi businesses.

AROUND TOWN

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AT YDL SUPERIOR

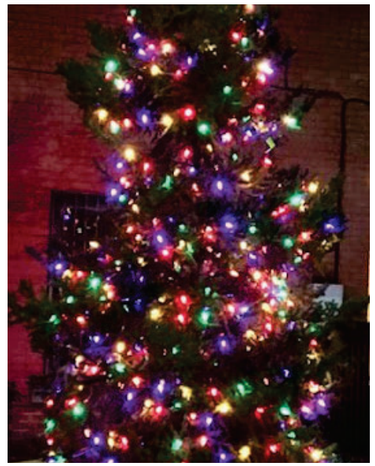
Congratulations on the new library. This has been in the works since 2007; proudly, YDL- Superior has opened its doors. Check it out if you get an opportunity; Harris road is now paved the parking lot should be fully accessible.

Their hours are Monday-Thursday: 9 AM-9 PM, Friday-Saturday: 10 AM-6 PM, and closed on Sundays.

TOYS FOR TOTS YPSI

You can contribute to your local Toys for Tots campaign in several ways. Locations are open for donations through December 17th in Ypsilanti. For information, contact ypsilanti@toysfortots.org.

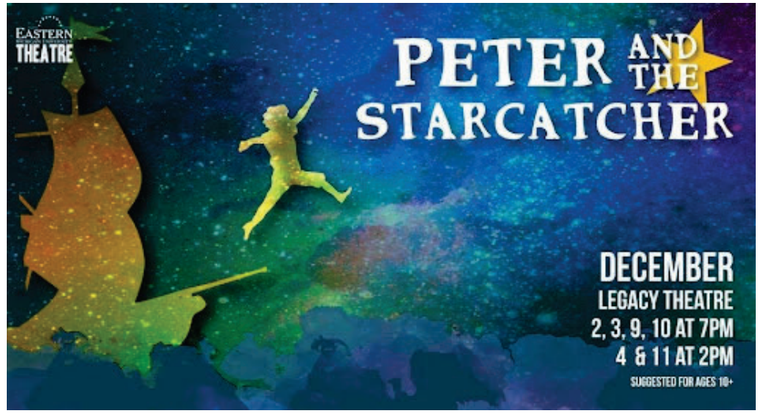
HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING



On Friday, December 2nd, from 5:30 PM- 7 PM. Enjoy singing along with the Ypsilanti Community High School Choir, sipping hot chocolate, decorating cookies, and making simple snowflakes. Santa will join in the festivites for a photo op in his sleigh!

At all Ypsilanti District Library locations over winter break, there are STEM and art activities December 27th-30th and January 3rd-6th. For more information, please visit their calendar at: attend.ypsilibrary.org/events

EMU THEATER - PETER AND THE STARCATCHER



Dec. 2–4 & Dec. 9–11. EMU theater professor Meriah Sage directs EMU students in Rick Elice's 2009 Tony Award-winning musical. Adapted from Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson's 2004 novel, which gives a backstory to Peter Pan, the narrative follows the nautical adventures of pirates, spies, island natives, crocodiles, and three orphan boys. Aimed at theatergoers age 10 & up.

7 PM (Friday & Saturday) & 2 PM (Sunday), EMU Legacy Theater, 124 Judy Sturgis Hill Bldg., Ford St. (off Lowell from Huron River Dr.), Ypsilanti. Tickets are $7–$18 in advance at emich.ludus.com & the door. 487–2282.

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HOLIDAY JAZZ CONCERT

On Sunday, December 4th, Ring in the holiday with live music.

Get into the holiday spirit with this nationally-known local jazz ensemble! Enjoy familiar and original holiday tunes thoughtfully arranged with a jazzy flair by Keller and his band mates for trumpet, trombone, saxophone, piano, string bass, drums, and vocals. All ages welcome. Sponsored by the Friends of YDL.

YPSI ARTISANS MARKET

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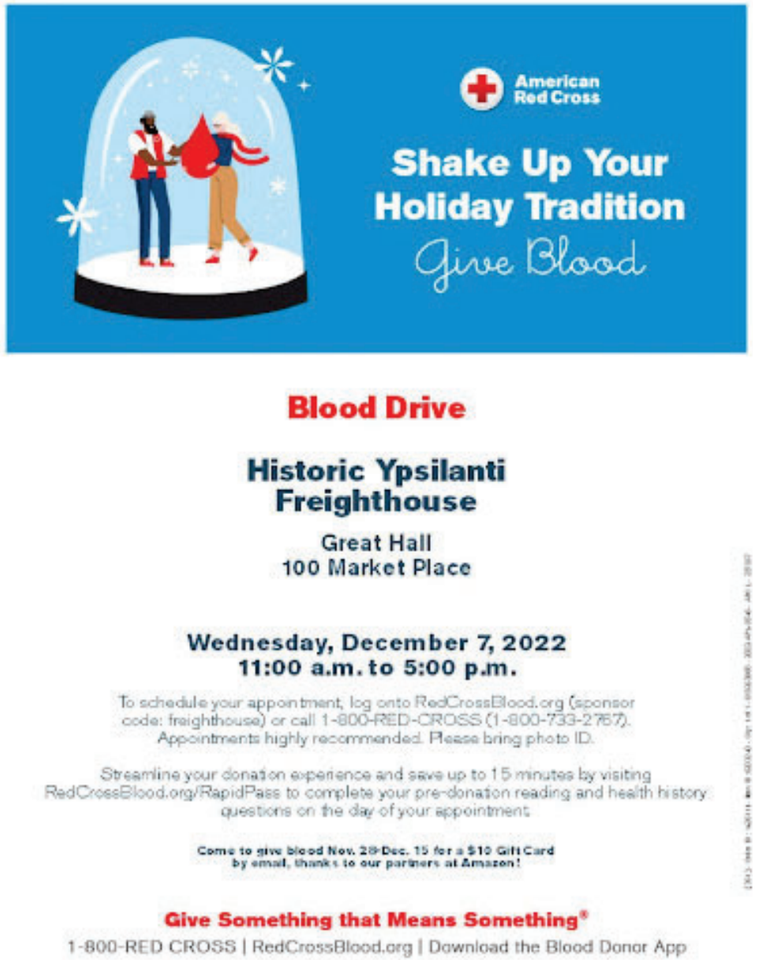
Over FORTY local vendors with live entertainment! Including food vendors, and admission is free. This a perfect opportunity to support local artists if you are looking for gifts for your loved ones.
Ypsilant Freighthouse, 100 Market Pl.

DECEMBER DATES:
12/4 10 AM - 4 PM
12/11 10 AM - 4 PM
12/17 10 AM - 4 PM
12/18 10 AM - 4 PM

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE FREIGHTHOUSE



GIVE BACK THIS HOLIDAY

SECRET SANTA SOCIETY SH-H-H YPSILANTI

Secret Santa Society of Ypsi is a group that collects donations, wraps, and delivers gifts to families in Ypsilanti late Christmas Eve, long after the little ones are asleep. They want families to wake up to Christmas in their homes and believe that EVERYONE IS DESERVING OF THE MAGIC!

The Secret Santa Society of Ypsilanti was created in 2018 after a 7-year-old boy said to one of the volunteers, "Santa isn't coming this year."

Ways to help:

- Support one of our families as a team. (Sign up online)
- Donate Wrapping Paper, tape, and gift tags!
- Wrap gifts on the weekends in December.
- Deliver gifts on Christmas Eve.
- Donate personal care items from our amazon wish list.
- Donate gifts through our wonderful local shops.

Secret Society of Santa operates out of the Michigan Firehouse Museum in Ypsilanti.

Please come to the museum and support them when you drop off gifts! Tickets are: $10 12 +, $5 for kids 5-11 yrs & under 5 yrs are free.

Please email with any questions.

THE REALLY, REALLY FREE MARKET

Everything is free! The last gathering for the 2022 year is on December 29th at the Ypsilanti Freighthouse from 6 PM - 10 PM. For more information, contact (734) 999-0149 or email kenzokucollective@gmail.com

- Share a skill
- Sing a song
- Recite a poem
- Put on a play
- Play a card or board game
- Arts and crafts supplies
- Bring clothes, books, bicycles, food, toys to give away

RIVERSIDE SWINGS

What: Swing dancing! No experience or partner is required. All ages are welcome.

When: Every Friday. Free beginner lesson 8 PM - 9 PM, open dancing with DJs 9 PM -11 PM.

Where: 2nd-floor dance studio, Riverside Arts Center 76 N Huron St, Ypsilanti

How much: Beginner lesson is free, and the open dance is $5 or $4 for students.

Facebook Page

HOME TOXICS CENTER COLLECTION DATES

EMBRACING OUR DIFFERENCES - CALL FOR ART

YPSIWRITES: LOVE LETTERS TO YPSILANTI

The 2023 Ypsilanti Bicentennial commemorates the 200th anniversary of the city of Ypsilanti's incorporation on April 22, 1823. We're celebrating Ypsilanti's past as well as the pride, diversity, and heritage of the city today. Join YpsiWrites in writing love letters to and about the city we love so much!

You can write your love letter to Ypsilanti or use one of the prompts created by YpsiWrites. Postcards with prompts are available at all Ypsilanti District Library branches. Submitted letters and cards may be displayed on YpsiWrites' website or at events celebrating the bicentennial.

Keep an eye on our website and social media for published letters.

Another article on Love Letters to Ypsilanti: Ypsi residents celebrate city's bicentennial by writing Love Letters to Ypsilanti (secondwavemedia.com)

CORNER HEALTH YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Corner Youth Leadership Council (YLC)—For anyone 12-25 years old interested in developing leadership skills, promoting change, and raising awareness about community health and safety issues. Have fun, help your community, and earn a little cash (meeting stipends provided).

Any questions, please contact Outreach@cornerhealth.org

Corner Theatre Troupe—For youth in middle and high school, no experience is necessary! As a Peer Educator, have fun while gaining acting skills, perform plays and/or monologues for your peers on important health topics, and earn a little cash (meeting stipends provided)!

Sept—June on Wednesdays from 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Interested? Complete this form.

CITY CALENDAR - DECEMBER 2022

FOR UPDATES AND MORE INFO CLICK HERE

PUBLIC MEETINGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR

ALL HELD AT CITY HALL - 1 S. HURON UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

Civil Service Commission Special Meeting
December 5, 2022, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
December 5, 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

City Council Meeting
December 6, 2022, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Administrative Hearings Bureau
December 8, 2022, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Arts Commission Meeting
December 8, 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Sustainability Commission Meeting
December 12, 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Historic District Commission
December 13, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Administrative Hearings Bureau
December 15, 2022, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Police Advisory Commission Meeting
December 15, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Fire & Police Retirement Board Meeting
December 19, 2022, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
December 19, 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

City Council Meeting
December 20, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Planning Commission Meeting
December 21, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Administrative Hearings Bureau
December 22, 2022, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Administrative Office Closed - Winter Holiday December 23, 2022, 8:00 AM - December 31, 2022, 5:00 PM

EVENTS AND RECREATION CALENDAR

RECURRING EVENTS

Riverside Swings (Swing Dancing Lessons)
8-11PM
December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Riverside Arts Center - 76 N. Huron

Tai Chi Class at the Senior Center
2:30-3:30PM
December 8, 15,
Senior Citizens Center -1015 N. Congress

Yoga at Ypsilanti Senior Center
1-2:30PM
December 2, 9, 16
Senior Citizens Center -1015 N. Congress
Register HERE

Ypsi Artisans Holiday Market
10AM-4PM
December 4, 11, 17, 18
Freighthouse - 100 Market Pl.

Ypsi Friday Movies At The Museum
7-10PM
December 2, 9, 16
Ypsilanti Historical Museum- 220 N. Huron St.
FREE

First Fridays Ypsilanti - December 2,2022
Events throughout Ypsilanti

CREATE TOGETHER: A public art project at Riverside Arts Center
December 2, 2022, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Downtown Ypsi Holiday Tree Lighting
December 2, 2022, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
YDL - 229 W. Michigan Ave.

Only A Day (Spinning Dot Repertory Company) at YDL Whittaker
December 3, 2022, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
YDL Whittaker

Paul Keller Ensemble Holiday Jazz Concert
December 4, 2022, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
YDL- Michigan Ave.

YDL Guitar Club for Adults
December 10, 2022, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
YDL (Michigan Ave.)

Christmas Dinner In the Community
December 23, 2022, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Downtown Ypsilanti in the Trojan Cleaners Parking lot (20 N. Adams)

Really Really Free Market
December 29, 2022, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Freighthouse

**ADD YOUR FREE COMMUNITY EVENT ON THE CITY CALENDAR TO BE LISTED HERE. MUST BE IN OR RELATED TO THE CITY OF YPSILANTI.
EMAIL TKOCH@CITYOFYPSILANTI.COM WITH EVENT DETAILS.**

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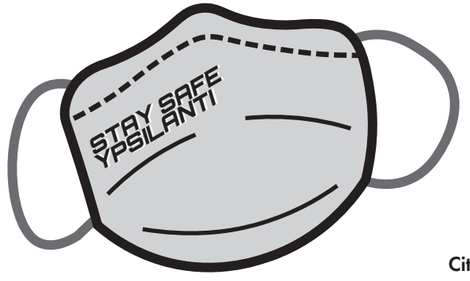
SEARCH **YPSI CONNECT** IN YOUR MOBILE APP STORE TO GET STARTED!



Do you have something happening in the city you'd like to share in the monthly newsletter?
Email your article to tkoch@cityofypsilanti.com
Submissions are due on the 15th of each month.

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